

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK ROADS & BRIDGES,

HAER NO. TN-35-R

SMOKEMONT BRIDGE

(Bridge No. 096)

Entrance of Smokemont Campground, spanning the Oconaluftee River

Gatlinburg Vicinity

Sevier County

Tennessee

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PHOTOGRAPHS

MEASURED AND INTERPRETIVE DRAWINGS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee; spanning the Oconaluftee River from Newfound Gap Road to Smokemont Campground

Date of Construction: 1950s

Type of Structure: vehicular bridge

Engineer: U.S. Bureau of Public Roads and National Park Service

Fabricator/Builder: unknown

Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Significance: The Smokemont Bridge is a significant component of the transportation system in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Providing access to the first national park in the southern portion of the United States, this network of roads and bridges is representative of NPS park road design throughout the country. The Smokemont Bridge is a unique structure, unlike no other bridge in the park, consisting of a wood deck spanning the river between two stone abutments. For additional information on the Smokemont Bridge, see HAER No. TN-35, historical overview pages 117-118.

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